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<b>Subject:</b> Mental Health Treatment of Incarcerated Persons	

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 Provides relative to mental health treatment of incarcerated people

Current law provides that the Department of Public Safety and Corrections - Corrections Services (DPSC - CS) **may** establish resources and programs for the treatment of inmates with mental illnesses or intellectual disabilities.

Proposed law amends current law and **mandates** that DPSC - CS establishes resources and programs for treatment of inmates with mental illnesses or intellectual disability. Proposed law mandates that DPSC - CS create a multi-disciplinary service team (composed of qualified mental health persons) to train staff annually, identify mental health crises, and provide culturally competent mental health care services. Proposed law provides an enumerated lists of responsibilities imposed on the multi-disciplinary service team related to providing treatment to inmates with mental illnesses or intellectual disability. Proposed law mandates that DPSC - CS provide incarcerated people diagnosed with post-incarcerated syndrome or any other mental illness with treatment goals and plans and create a discharge plan for an incarcerated person with post-incarceration syndrome, including continuity of care, arrangement for community of care, coordination with community providers, and providing a list of available community resources.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law will likely result in an indeterminable increase in SGF expenditures to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections - Corrections Services (DPS & C - CS) to secure staffing, testing, materials, computers, and construction for testing space. According to the DPS&C- CS, to implement the proposed law, it estimates expenditures of \$1.08 M for Personality Inventory Assessment Testing and scoring for 27,000 inmates, which will cover testing for anxiety, depression, and personality disorders. Additionally, DPS&C - CS reports that it will expend \$6,480 for Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MOCA) testing and Mini-Mental State Examination testing for cognitive disorders. While DPS&C-CS states that it will not assume any costs for Clinically Administered PTSD-5 (CAPS-5) testing (because it must be individually administered), it will sustain costs to secure personnel to administer the tests.

DPS&C - CS reports that with enactment of proposed law, in FY 24, it will require \$4.23 M to secure 67 full-time staff members and six supervisors (\$44,237 annual salaries along with costs for benefits at 30% = \$57,508 x 73.5 = \$4,226,838) to administer testing. DPS&C-CS estimated its need for 67 staff members by hypothetically assigning 400 inmates to each staff member to serve the state inmate population of 27,000 ( (67.5 x 400 = 27,000), with six supervisors to manage staff. DPS&C also estimates that with enactment of proposed law, it will expend \$1.2 M for 20 security officers (\$44,697 in annual salaries along with costs for benefits at 30% = \$58,082), and \$850,000 for a contract to secure a Ph.D. psychologist to interpret testing. Additional costs will include \$500,000 for computer equipment needed for compliance with the proposed law's implementation of computer-administered interviewing during intake, quarterly assessments, and evaluations of the state inmate population, \$2.5 M for travel, lodging, and vehicles (to jails to conduct testing), along with \$5 M for construction for testing space (to ensure that no current programming, education, reentry, or visiting will be disrupted).

The cumulative of all SGF expenditures that DPS&C projects it will need to implement proposed law is \$15.3 M.

Note: *The LFO cannot corroborate that the workload necessitated by this measure will require the number of personnel detailed by the Department of Public Safety & Corrections - Corrections Services. The LFO anticipates that staffing will need to be scaled up or down based on the following factors: any increase or decrease in the prison inmate population and costs incurred to acquire equipment.*

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

<u>Senate</u>	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u>	<u>House</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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